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Dear Reader and Interested Citizen:

Addendum #35 to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Snohomish County GMA Comprehensive Plan 10-Year Update, issued on April 6, 2012, has been prepared by Snohomish County Planning and Development Services. This addendum provides additional environmental information on the anticipated impacts from the proposed GPP11 amendments to the General Policy Plan (GPP).

This addendum adds further information to the analysis contained in the DEIS and the FEIS to the 10-Year Update of the Comprehensive Plan in 2005. The document contains additional environmental information related to the proposed technical map and text correction amendments to the GPP. It does not identify detailed project impacts. Specific project actions will require further detailed environmental review as they are considered for implementation.

Review of the proposed ordinance for these proposed amendments will occur at a public hearing before the Snohomish County Planning Commission scheduled for April 24, 2012, and at a subsequent briefing and public hearing before the Snohomish County Council. The proposed ordinance and other related documents may be accessed through the Planning Commission's website on its agenda for the public hearing.

We invite you to comment on these proposed amendments during the County review process. If you have any questions concerning this addendum or the proposed amendments, please contact Mary Hurner at (425) 388-6401.

Sincerely,

Clay White, Director

Planning and Development Services

**ADDENDUM NO. 35
TO THE
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY
GMA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
10-YEAR UPDATE**

**Adoption of Amendments to the General Policy Plan
of the Snohomish County GMA Comprehensive Plan
Related to the Preservation of Agricultural Resource Lands and
Habitat Restoration for Threatened and Endangered Species (GPP11)**

Prepared Consistent with

The Washington State Environmental Policy Act of 1971
Chapter 43.21C Revised Code of Washington
Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code
Snohomish County Code Title 30



Snohomish County Planning and Development Services

Date of Issuance: April 6, 2012

FACT SHEET

Project Title:	GMA Comprehensive Plan (GMACP) General Policy Plan (GPP) amendments related to the Preservation of Agricultural Resource Lands and Habitat Restoration for Threatened and Endangered Species (GPP11)
Proposed Non-Project Action:	The proposed non-project action is the adoption by the Snohomish County Council of amendments to the policies of the Snohomish County GMACP.
Purpose of the EIS Addendum:	<p>This addendum adds information relating to the non-project programmatic county action described above. This information does not result in any new significant adverse environmental impacts and does not change the analysis or the conclusions of previously identified significant impacts of the alternatives to the county's GMACP within the previously issued SEPA documents dated May 5, 2004, (Draft EIS) and December 13, 2005, (Final EIS).</p> <p>This addendum is being issued in accordance with WAC 197-11-625 and WAC 197-11-630. The adopted environmental documents listed herein, together with this addendum, meet Snohomish County's environmental review needs for the current proposed amendments.</p>
Description of Proposal:	<p>Consider proposed amendments to the policies of the Snohomish County GMACP General Policy Plan (GPP) Land Use and Natural Environment Chapters that would increase coordination between the county's goals of preserving agricultural resource lands and promoting the long-term viability of the local agricultural industry, and restoring habitat for threatened and endangered species of fish. The proposed amendments address the conflict that can occur when fish habitat restoration projects are planned on agricultural resource lands, and formalize guidance for county operations to seek gains for both priorities. They reflect principles developed through the Sustainable Lands Strategy Initiative (SLS), an effort that county, state, tribal, conservation and agricultural interests are working together on for the purpose of generating net gains for both agricultural and ecological productivity. Incorporating these amendments in the GPP will ensure that the manner in which the county addresses habitat restoration projects on agricultural resource lands will consistently seek to enhance both priorities.</p> <p>The proposed ordinance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Amends the Agricultural Lands section of the Land Use Chapter to include a paragraph acknowledging the purpose and accomplishments of the SLS Initiative, as a part of the county's history of actions in support of agriculture.2. Amends the Agricultural Lands section of the Land Use Chapter to require the county to coordinate the use of agricultural resource lands with the preservation of ecological functions and values by incorporating incentives into reach scale plans. (LU 7.B.7)

3. Amends the Natural Environment Chapter to include restoration, along with natural resource industry uses and natural environment protection, as considerations for land uses based on the land's potential for resource productivity, ecological services, and investment-to-return ratio. (NE 1.A.7)
4. Amends the Natural Environment Chapter to require the county to coordinate the protection and enhancement of ecological values with the use of agricultural resource lands; consistent with the proposed amendment to the Agricultural Lands section of the Land Use Chapter. (NE 1.C.2 (c))
5. Amends the Natural Environment Chapter to acknowledge impacts to ecological functions from the use of agricultural lands as well as development; and to encourage creative restoration/enhancement proposals that optimize resource values and ecological function on a reach-scale, as well as onsite basis. (NE 1.C.2.(d))
6. Amends the Natural Environment Chapter to require the county to develop and implement actions to conserve agricultural resource lands and restore ecological functions and values, seeking to increase both ecological and resource viability and productivity. (NE 4.A.6)

**Location of
Proposal:**

Unincorporated Snohomish County.

**Action Sponsor
Lead Agency:**

Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S #604
Everett, Washington 98201-4066

**Required Approval
Review:**

Snohomish County Council – adoption of ordinance
Washington State Department of Commerce – coordination of state
comments

**Circulation and
Comment:**

This addendum, or notice of availability, is being sent to all recipients of the previously issued Draft and Final EIS for the 10-Year Update of the GMA Comprehensive Plan as required by WAC 197-11-625. No comment period is required for this addendum under WAC 197-11-502(8)(c).

**The EIS Addendum
is available by
contacting:**

Mary Hurner, Senior Planner
Snohomish County Public Works, Surface Water Management Division
3000 Rockefeller Ave., M/S #607
Everett, Washington 98201
Phone: (425) 388-6401

The proposed GPP11 amendments related to the Preservation of Agricultural Resource Lands and Habitat Restoration for Threatened and Endangered Species are also available for viewing at the Planning and Technology Division of the Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services (County Administration Building West, 2nd Floor) and on the county's website. Visit www.snoco.org and type "*Plans and Reports*" in the search box and select Environmental Documents.

Date of Issuance:

April 6, 2012

**Responsible
Official:**

Clay White, Director
Snohomish County Planning and Development Services
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Everett, Washington 98201-4066

Signature _____



Clay White, Director

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Overview:

The adoption of amendments to the GMA Comprehensive Plan is a non-project action under the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). This Addendum is not intended to satisfy individual project action SEPA requirements (the review needed for a future site-specific land use or building permit application). This Addendum does not significantly change the analysis of impacts and alternatives contained in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared in 2005 for the GMA Comprehensive Plan, nor does it identify new or significantly different impacts.

Prior Environmental Review

The county published the EIS for the county's updated GMA Comprehensive Plan in 2005, in accordance with the review cycle required by the Growth Management Act (GMA). The Draft EIS was issued on May 5, 2004, and the Final EIS was issued on December 13, 2005. The elements of the environment addressed in both of these EIS documents included elements of both the natural and built environment: earth, air, water, plants and animals, energy and natural resources, environmental health, population and employment, land and shoreline use, transportation, public services, and utilities.

EIS Addendum

The proposed revisions will not change any existing land uses and may reduce impacts as a result of county habitat restoration projects on agricultural resource lands. The proposed revisions will, if enacted, increase coordination between the county's goals of preserving agricultural resource lands and promoting the long-term viability of the local agricultural industry, and restoring habitat for threatened and endangered species of fish; and will formalize guidance for county operations to seek gains for both priorities. Additional environmental review will occur if program implementation will result in substantive environmental impacts.

According to the SEPA Rules, an Addendum to an EIS provides additional analysis and/or information about a proposal or alternatives where their significant environmental impacts have been disclosed and identified in a previous environmental document (WAC 197-11-600(3)(b)(ii)). An Addendum is appropriate when the impacts of the new proposal are the same general types as those identified in the prior document, and when the new analysis does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts and alternatives identified in the prior environmental documents (WAC 197-11-600(4)(e), WAC 197-11-706).

This Addendum to the GMA Comprehensive Plan EIS is being issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-625 to meet the county's SEPA responsibility. The GMA Comprehensive Plan EIS evaluated plan alternatives and impacts that encompass the same general policy direction, land use patterns, and environmental impacts that are expected to be associated with the proposed amendments identified in this Addendum.

No additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the county's EIS for the 10-Year Update are expected to occur. No additional programmatic level environmental review will be required to the extent that the existing environmental documents listed in this addendum or other published documents have analyzed such changes.

Distribution List

Federal Agencies

U.S. Natural Resource Conservation
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
National Marine Fisheries
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

State Agencies

The Office of the Governor
Department of Ecology
Department of Natural Resources
Department of Commerce
Department of Agriculture
Department of Social and Health Services
Utilities & Transportation Commission
Department of Corrections

Department of Fish & Wildlife
Department of Health
Department of Transportation
WA State Energy Office
Office of Archaeology and Historical Preservation
Parks and Recreation Commission
Department of Transportation, Northwest Region
Recreation and Conservation Office

Regional Agencies and Interest Groups

Puget Sound Partnership
Puget Sound Clean Air Agency

Puget Sound Regional Council
Regional Transit Authority

Snohomish County Agencies and Interest Groups

Snohomish County Department of Public Works
Snohomish County Sheriff
Snohomish County Surface Water Management Div.
1000 Friends of Snohomish County
Action Council for Esperance
Agriculture Tomorrow
Arlington Heights Comm.
Canyon Firs Homeowners Assn.
Community Transit
Economic Development Council of Sno County
Edmonds Chamber of Commerce
Everett Chamber of Commerce
Everett Transit
Friends of Florence Acres
Futurewise
Housing Authority of Snohomish County
Jordan Road Citizens
Kayak Pt. Citizens Group
League of Women Voters
Little Bear Cr. Protective Assn.
Martha Lake Community Club
Martha Lake Homeowners
Master Builders Assoc. of King and Sno Co

Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Department
Snohomish County Solid Waste Division
Snohomish Health District
McKee's Evergreen Beach
North Creek Rural Areas
North Marysville Citizens
Picnic Point Community
Pilchuck Audubon Society
Possession Bay Association
Professional Consultants of Snohomish County
Silver Lake Action Comm.
Smartgrowth Campaign
Snohomish Arlington Trail Coalition
Snohomish County Conservation District
Snohomish County/Camano Island Board of Realtors
Snohomish Wetlands Alliance
So. Sno. Co. Chamber of Commerce
Sound Transit
Stillaguamish Citizens Alliance
Swamp Creek Locust Way
Tom Ehrlichman
Wandering Creek Homes
Stillaguamish Flood Control District

Neighboring Planning Departments

Island County Planning Dept.
Skagit County Planning Dept.

Dept. of Dev. & Environ. Services (King Co.)
Chelan County Planning Dept.

Tribes

Muckleshoot Tribes
Sauk/Suiattle Tribe

Tulalip Tribes
Stillaguamish Tribe

Utilities

Alderwood Water District
Lake Stevens Sewer District
Olympic View Water and Sewer District
Silver Lake Water and Sewer
Snohomish County PUD No. 1
Highland Water Assn.
Seven Lakes Water Assn.
Sky Meadow Water Assn., Inc.

Cities

City of Arlington
City of Brier
City of Edmonds
City of Gold Bar
Town of Index
City of Lynnwood
City of Mill Creek
City of Mountlake Terrace
City of Snohomish
City of Sultan
Tulalip Tribes

School Districts

Arlington School District
Edmonds School District #15
Granite Falls School District
Lake Stevens School District
Marysville School District
Mukilteo School District
Snohomish School District
Sultan School District

Fire Districts & Ports

Fire District 1 South County
Fire District 4 Snohomish
Fire District 7 Clearview
Fire District 10 Bothell
Fire District 12 Marysville
Fire District 15 Tulalip
Fire District 17 Granite Falls
Fire District 19 Silvana
Fire District 21 Arlington
Fire District 23 Robe
Fire District 25 Oso
Fire District 27 Hat Island
Paine Field Fire District

Newspapers

The Herald
Arlington Times
Snohomish County Tribune
Bothell-Kenmore Reporter
Monroe Monitor
Marysville Globe
Mukilteo Beacon

Cross Valley Water District
METRO
Mukilteo Water District
Puget Sound Energy
Cascade Natural Gas
Roosevelt Water Assn.
Three Lakes Water Assn.
King County Wastewater Treatment Division

City of Bothell
Town of Darrington
City of Everett
City of Granite Falls
City of Lake Stevens
City of Marysville
City of Monroe
City of Mukilteo
City of Stanwood
Town of Woodway

Darrington School District
Everett School District
Index School District
Lakewood School District
Monroe School District
Northshore School District
Stanwood School District

Fire District 3 Monroe
Fire District 5 Sultan
Lake Stevens Fire Communications
Fire District 11 Silver Lakes
No. County Regional Fire Authority
Fire District 16 Lake Roesiger
Fire District 28 Index
Fire District 22 Getchell
Fire District 24 Darrington
Fire District 26 Gold Bar
Port of Everett
Port of Edmonds

Lake Stevens Journal
Seattle Times-North Bureau
Mill Creek Enterprise
Woodinville Weekly
Enterprise Newspaper
The Edmonds Beacon

Libraries

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